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2000 Regional UIL Meet

2000 Member Texas Press Association

Gorman High School students competed in the Regional II-A Academic Meet at Hardin Simmons Universiyt in Abilene on April 14-15. Students qualified for the Regional Meet by placing first, second or third at the District competition.

Mark Glover, junior, qualified for the state competition winning a 2nd medal in Headline Writing. In addition to Headline Writing, Glover also placed 6th Computer Applications and competed in New Writing.

Keith Treadway, sophomore, placed 5th in News Writing, earning him the spot of 2nd alternate to state competition. He also was 7th in Current Issues and Events and competed in Computer Science.

Madelyn Wilkins, senior, placed 6th in Ready Writing. She also competed in Prose Interpretation.

Other competitors were: Bobbie Jo Grissom, senior, Headline Writing; Colton Van Dusen, junior, Computer Applications; Alma Sanches, senior, Calculator Applications; Sheryl Everton, senior, Calculator Applications; Manuelita Madera, senior, Calculator Applications; Amanda Janecek, junior, Spelling.

Coaches taking the students to Regional were Gail Fischer, Becky Swanner and Linda Glover.

The State Meet will be held at the University of Texas Camput in Austin on May 4-5.



2000-2001 Flags to Host Two Fundraisers

We are the 2000-2001 Flags and we are going to host two fund-raisers this weekend. Friday night, April 21, 2000 at 4:45 until we sell out, we will have a Bake Sale in front of ZJ's Steakhouse. Then Saturday, April 22, 2000 we are going to have a Car Wash at the American State Bank in Gorman at 8:30 a.m. til? The Car Wash will be by donation only.

Your support will be greatly appreciated. The funds will go toward our Flag uniforms.

Thank you,

Christina Mauney, Rachel Rainey, Ashley Jenkins, Tasha Ritter, Kristina Everton, and Crystal Iberra (Drum Major)

Donnie Rodgers Makes Statement

As most of you know, I have filed

for re-election for place 2 on the City Commission. I have lived in Gorman since Jim and I married in 1962, with the exception of five years when we lived at Carlton. I graduated from here and raised four kids here. I went to Ranger Jr. College and have worked at the Post Office for nearly twenty years, so most of you know me.

In the two years as Commissioner, I have learned a lot about the working of the City Commission. The first year was a year of learning exactly what the job encompassed. I went to two Texas Municipal League Schools, one in San Antonio and one at Plano, where I increased my knowledge of the job. During the last year, we paved 8 blocks and resurfaced twenty-one blocks. I know there are more streets that need work, but I exceeded my budget as it is. The City crew painted the Pavilion at Frank Gray Park. They painted as high as they could reach and will finish when we can get a lift for the higher places and the time. The park as been cleaned and we are working on fixing a gate so that the park can be closed after dark unless someone has it scheduled for an outing. At the present time, we have scheduled some major repairs on the swimming pool. It is supposed to be finished before the end of school. I want everyone to know that I support the EDC. I resigned from the board because I felt that Mr. Vaughn had more time to spend on it than I do because he is retired and I work a fulltime job. During my term, I have had an open door policy--If anyone had a problem or a complaint, they could come to me, and many people did. I tried to resolve anything I could. I ask that you re-elect me and let me continue as your Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioner's Court will meet in a regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on monday, April 24, 2000, in Eastland County Commissioner's Courtroom, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

1. Read and Sign Minutes-County Clerk

2. Lynn Williamson, County Surveyor to Address the Court Concerning County Maps and County Road Designations

3. Discuss and Consider Landfill Agreement with Eastland County Landfill Management, Ins-Imre Szekelyhidi, Eastland County Management Landfill, Inc.

4. Presentation of Information Received From Bryan Neaves of TXDOT on County Roads 564, 565, & 603-Joe Grimshaw, Commissioner, Pct. #2 5. GTE Southwest Inc., Request permission for Construction of a Communication Line Withint Right-of-Way of County Road Beginning 1.2 miles West of Hwy 183 and West Along County Road 206 (Pct. 3) 6. Consider Approval of Loss Control Manual for County-Sandy Cagle, Tax-Assessor Collector, County Loss Control Coordinator 7. Request Permission to Hire New Jailer-Sheriff Wayne Bradford 8. Consider Approval of Resolution in Spoort of Highway 6 Project as Part of the Texas TRUNK System 9. Outdoor Burning Ban Update 10. 9-1-1 Information Update 11. Budgetary and Appropriative Matters

Underwood Wins Democratic Runoff Nomination Precinct 3

In the Precinct 3 Commissioner's race, Bill Underwood won the Democratic Runoff nomination. Wesley N. Warren carried Gorman by receiving 123 votes to Underwood's 93 votes. Underwood received 27 votes to Warren's 15 votes in Carbon. In Rising Star, Underwood received 131 votes to Warren's 26. Early returns showed Warren receiving 16 votes to Underwood's 8 votes. The Democratic nomination was decided with Bill Underwood earning 259 votes to 180 for Wesley Warren.

Underwood will face Republican James New in the November election to determine who will replace retiring Commissioner L.T. Owen.

City Plans for the Rural Resource Team

The City of Gorman is hosting a Rural Resource Team visit during the week of April 25-27. The community sponsors of this event are the Gorman Economic Development Corporation, the Gorman Chamber of Commerce and the City of Gorman.

The Resource Team is being invited into our community to perform several tasks. 1) They will be developing an objective community assessment based on community input, 2) They will be holding Listening Sessions for the community-at-large, 3) They will conduct a Resource Team Town Meeting, 4) They will compile a Resource Team swers. Report for the community, complete with Resource Team Members & #8217; personal recommendations, and 5) They will provide Post-visit support and follow-up. The Resource Team is made up of a panel of knowledgeable individuals from outside the community who are actively involved in some area of rural community development. These members are Ronnie Boston from North Texas Resource Conservation & Development, Dr. Joe McFarland, the resident Director of Research with Texas A&M (Stephenville), Faith Ballard, supervisor of consumer and Family affairs with Extension Agency, Tom Mann from the West Central Texas Council of Government, Patricia Butler with USDA Rural Development, and Ed Ellis from HUD Community Builders Program. These Resource Team members volunteer their time and services as a member of this group in order to make the visit possible for small rural cities to afford such an elaborate evaluation. The cost of such a visit would be in excess of \$15,000-\$20,000 if the City of Gorman were to hire a consultant firm for this type of in-depth evaluation. In consideration for this, the City is responsible for arranging food and lodging for the members and extending a great effort to get the community to attend the Listening Sessions. The community is invited to attend these Listening Sessions, which are held all day on Wednesday and on Thursday morning and early afternoon. There are the three questions that all

The City of Gorman is hosting a who will attend will be asked to answer: iral Resource Team visit during the 1) What are the major problems and challenges in our community?

2) What are the major strengths and assets of our community?

3) What projects would you like to see accomplished in you community in the next two, five, ten and twenty years?

On Thursday night the Resource team will hold a Town Meeting. During the Town Meeting the Listening Session responses are read, a preview of the recommendations of the Resource Team will be given and there will be a time for questions and an-

In an effort to encourage as much

Notice of Meeting

UIL District Academic Competitors--Juniors and Seniors (Back Row) Colton Van Dusen, Amanda Janecek, mark Glover, Sheryl Everton, Keith Treadway

(Front Row) Madelyn Wilkins, Bobbie Joe Grishom, manuelita Madera, Alma Sanchez



UIL District Academic Competitors--Juniors and Seniors

(Back Row) Josh Johnson, Colton Van Dusen, William Hagood, Alma Sanchez (Middle Row) Manuelita Madera, Amanda Janecek, Melissa Tarver, Mark Glover, Sheryl Everton, Cody Simpson

(Front Row) Pam Osborne, Madelyn Wilkins, Bobbie Joe Grissom, Brenda Ibarra (not pictured) Jessica Lara, Anita Lobo



Thanks, /s/ Donnie Rodgers

Thank You

The family of Lorene Foster wishes to express our heartfelt thanks for the cards, kind words, food, flowers and memorials during her passing.

A special thanks to the ladies of the-Church of Christ for the wonderful lunch, to John Payne for his loving message and to the pallbearers who served. Also, a special thanks to Ray and Marjorie.

Gene and Carolyn would like to express our thanks to Shanda Hanifan, Helen Collum and Nancy Jones for all their help at the flower shop during this time. They did a wonderful job.

We sincerely appreciated every act

 Bills, Claims and Accounts Posted by order o fEastland County Commissioners' Court.

Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Commissioner's Court.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who supported me and voted for me in the run-off election.

I want to say a big thank you to L.T and Willie for their support and influence. I am looking forward to visiting with all of you before November.

Thank you, /s/ Bill Underwood

No School Board Trustee Election

Because the candidates for the Gorman ISD school board trustee election are unopposed, the May 6th school board election has been cancelled.

of kindness.

Earl & Ann Roberts & Family Nevin & Kathy Foster & Family Gene & Carolyn Foster & Family community participation as possible, community sectors have been established. However, it is very important for all to know that everyone is invited to these Listening Sessions. You do NOT have to have a personal invitation or have previously attended any of the town meetings to come. JUST COME!

For information on our Resource Team effort, the Listening Sessions process, or the Listening Session agenda, contact Lori Dodd, director of the Gorman EDC at 734-3637 or 734-3933.

Listening Session--Three Questions1. What are the major problems and challenges in your community?2. What are the major strengths and assets of your community?

3. What projects would you like to see accomplished in your community in the next two or five, ten, and twenty years?

Listening Session Ground Rules 1. Questions will be answered, one at a time and in order.

2. When it is you turn, give only one idea, comment, or answer. You will get more than one chance to answer each question.

3. Keep your responses <u>brief</u> and to the point.

4. Everyone's opinion is valuable.

Jake Returns Home

Jake was released from the hospital in Oklahoma and returned to the home of Joetta Schuman on Saturday. He is improving daily.

Gorman Garage Sale April 29

Efforts are underway to hold the second community-wide garage sale here in Gorman. It will be a lot like last fall's attempt--only hopefully with much better weather! Those of you wanting to participate should call Eula Miears at 734-2517 or Lori Dodd at 734-3637. This will put your address on the 'Big Map' that will be published and distributed to all who come shopping that morning. There will be advertising in over 15 papers from Baird to Breckenridge. This will be an excellent opportunity to get you garage cleaned out, do some Spring cleaning and be ready for the Gorman Clean-up day. You'll already have all your good junk sold and your leftover stuff ready for the curb! Remember that's Saturday, April 29th. Call Eula or Lori for more details.

UIL District Academic Competitors-Freshmen & Sophomores (Back Row) Chris Torres, Keith Treadway, Dylan Cogburn, Ryan Keller (Middle Row) Sarah Lewis, Kristina Everton, Jamie Maupin, Wes Wilkins, Russell Jay, Derrik Adams (not pictured) Ashley Roman, Brian Hunt

Registration for Credit by Exam

Students enrolled in Gorman ISD may register for Credit by Exam tests that will be given this summer. Students are to register in the elementary principal's office for these exams. The purpose of credit by exam is to allow a student to accelerate and earn credit for a particular course or grade without formal instruction. The deadline for registering for these test is April 20.

The tests evaluate a student's mastery of currently approved Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for a subject and students must score at least 90 percent mastery for credit acceleration. The testing dates are set for June 28, 29, 30 and July 5, 6, 7.



Area One-Act Play Competitors

(Back Row) Colton Van Dusen, Miranda Hogan, Jessie Hagood, William Hagood, Melissa Tarver, Chris Fox

(Middle Row) Christina Mauney, Cindy Sanchez, Sarah Lewis, Mark Glover, Sheryl Everton, Cody Simpson, Robert Lewis

(Front Row) Madelyn Wilkins, Bobbie Joe Grissom, Levi Roberts, Ashley Jenkins, Brenda Ibarra

Easter Treasure HuntApril 22

The annual *Gorman Easter Treasure Hunt* is just around the corner and final plans are being made. The time has been set for 2:00 p.m., April 22 at the City Park, downtown Gorman.

Mrs. Bunny is busy getting everything ready. She is still accepting donations of money, candy, (no chocolate please), toys, or eggs. Donations may be left at Bob's Grocery, City Grocery, Smith's Service Station, or Heritage Manor.

Mrs. Bunny plans to be hopping in and out of Gorman the week before Easter and will be in town all day Saturday the 22nd (8:30-3:30).

Age Groups for Treasure Hunt 2000

- ? (Child must be able to sit up alone) to 1 year
- 2 to 3 years
- 4 years to Kindergarten
- 1st and 2nd grade
- 3rd and 4th grade

RULES

1 helper per child in first 2 age groups will be allowed in the hunt area 1 Photographer per child in each age group will be allowed in the hunt area. No one is to be in the hunt area before the Treasure Hunt except Mrs. Bunny and her helpers. Please do not let your children play on the playground equip-

ment until after the hunt has ended.

Be sure and be there about 15 minutes before 2:00 Bunny time and your time may be a little different and you don't want to miss out on the fun.

BE SURE AND BRING A BIG BASKET OR SOME SACKS TO PUT YOUR "TREASURE."

Be sure to read the *Gorman Progress* next week for any changes and/or updates. DON'T FORGET--DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED!

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Services Held for **LaVelle Montgomery**

LaVelle Miller Montgomery, 81, of Gorman, passed away Saturday, April 15, 2000. Services were Tuesday, April 18, 2000 at the Eastside Church of Christ in Graham, Texas with Dick Stovall minister officiating. Burial was at the Pioneer Cemetery in Graham under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Montgomery was born July 11, 1918 in Loraine, Texas to the late Eli Nelson and Emma Jones. She married LaMerl Miller January 1, 1937 in Sweetwater, Texas. He preceded her in death June 28, 1982. She married Leon Montgomery January 29, 1988 in Graham, Texas. He preceded her in death April 11, 1992. Mrs. Montgomery was a member of the Church of Christ in Eastland, Texas, a former member of the Eastside Church of Christ in Graham and a housewife.

Survivors include two daughters, Kay Rodgers and husband Freddie of Gorman and Merla Williamson and husband Doug of Fort Worth; two stepdaughters, Ann Brown of Wichita Falls and Brenda Rocha of Florida; four grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and six step-great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Dean N. Collins Laid to Rest

Dean N. Collins, 92, of Gorman, died Thursday, April 13, 2000 at Valley View Health Care Center in Eastland. Services were Saturday, April 15, 2000 at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Rev. Marion Fonville and Rev. Clarence Wilson officiating. Burial was in the Bear Springs Cemetery in Eastland County under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Bear Springs in Eastland County to LaFoy L. Collins and Effie (Loyd) Collins. He married Lois Vernon on December 13, 1932 in Sayre, OK. Mr. Collins has lived in Kokomo for 46 years. He was a farmer and carpenter and a member of the Kokomo Baptist Church.

He is survived by his two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Charles Little of Eastland and Judy and Jim West of McGregor; 2 brothers, Sam Collins of Eastland, LaFoy Collins of Abilene; 2 sisters, Donnie Rone of Gorman and Jane Seitz of Mobeetee; 8 grandchildren; 18 greatgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, daughter, Linda Sandlin, son Norvil Collins, brother, Lawrence Collins, 3 sisters, Angie Case, Frankie Meadows, Johnnie Hood.

Services Held for Anna L. Clearman

APRIL 20, 2000

Mrs. Anna Laura (Stanford) Clearman, 83, of Gorman, died Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at Abraham memorial Home in Canadian. Services were Saturday, April 15, 2000 at the Kokomo Baptist Church with Rev. Clarence Wilson and Rev. Wayne McEntire officiating. Burial was in the Simpson Cemetery in Eastland County under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

She was born July 28, 1916 in Leakey to Joseph Aaron Stanford and Mattie (Sansom) Stanford. She married J.C. Clearman on October 23, · 1937 in Abilene. The Clearman's lived in the Lamesa area where they were He was born February 28, 1908 in- engaged in farming until 1952 when they moved to Summerfield, near Hereford. They retired to Gorman in 1968 and ranched and raised registered Limousine cattle. Mrs. Clearman was a member of the Kokomo Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She was also a member of the Kokomo Home Club.

> She is survived by her two sons, Jamie Clearman of Lawn and Kenneth Clearman of Arlington; three daughters, Dianne Walser of Hereford, Nanetta Thompson of Plainview, Mary Joe Leonard of Canadian; 9 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Edna Sudduth of Winters; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1990.

> Memorials may be made to Kokomo Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Gorman, Parkinson's Research at Covenant Lakeside, 4102 24th St., Ste. 501, Lubbock, 79410 or your favorite charity.

RC Band Concert

The Huntington Brass Quintet will be performing on the Ranger College Band spring concert, Tuesday, April 25. An

Thank You

I would like to thank the people that supported and helped me in my bid for County Commissioner. I really enjoyed meeting the people of Precinct 3. Even though I didn't get to meet everyone, again I thank you for your vote and support.

Sincerely,

s/ Wesley N. Warren

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped with our very successful Yard Sale--Wesley Warren for the land, Gorman Progress, Desdemona, Community, all of the food and baked goods, all the business people in Gorman, and Mrs. Maples for the quilt. Jonathan at ZJ's won the quilt.

May God bless you,

Denver Rainey

Honor Roll 5th Six Weeks

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Distinguished 8th Grade--Casondra Cooper, Lacy Howard

Honor Roll 8th Grade--Marcie Davis, Clarissa McGlothlin, Crystal Williams.

Note of Appreciation

To Gorman Citizens On behalf of my Oklahoma family

> and myself, I want to say thanks to you all during the loss of our mother. The plants, flowers, cards, food and phone calls will always be remembered. Your kindness and prayers were greatly appreciated. My family was very touched to know I have so many wonderful friends in Gorman. A special thank you to the City of Gorman and the Gorman Housing Authority for your caring concern. To Becky Turner, Billy Don Simpson, Bill and Sherri Hair for traveling the distance to be with me when we laid my mother to rest. Words cannot express what it meant to me and my family. I want to thank Becky and Billy for being "foster" parents to

Thank You

Thank you so much for all the prayers, flowers, cards, visits and calls-that helped me more than you'll ever know. Thanks to all the girls at the Nursing Home and Eastland Hospital who gave me such good care. God bless you.

Joan Butler

Deedra during my absence. My sister and I would like to thank Brenda Boyd and friends for the lunch upon our return home. My mother taught me, good friends are hard to find. It's a comfort to know I have.

Thank you, s/ Sally Saldana

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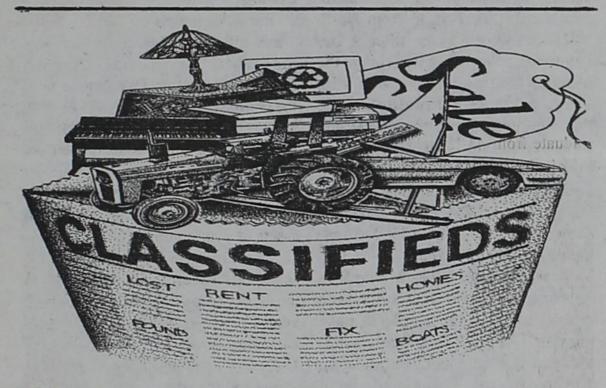
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evening of musical enjoyment is scheduled featuring the Ranger College Band with guest performers Jim Cockburn, Tommy Seay and the Huntington Brass.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be at the Eastland Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom, Second Floor on Tuesday, April 25 at 9:30 AM.

You can call social security toll-free any weekday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at 1-800-772-1213.

Public Notice

Eastland County will be applying for funds for infrastructure improvements through the Texas Department of Economic Development Texas Capital Fund Infrastructure Grant Program. The amount of funds requested in this application will be \$750,000. These funds will be used to construct rail improvements for Birdsong Peanuts which will be expanding its operations in Eastland County. This application will be available for review at the Eastland County Clerk's office during business hours.

3 Family Garage Sale, Desdemona, Friday April 21 from 8-5 and Saturday April 22 from 8-12. From blinking light in Desdemona take Hwy 16 south 4 miles Co. Rd. 4973. Watch for signs. Table with 4 chairs, color TV, baby bed, car seats, bassinette, womens, infant and boys clothing, desk, bedspreads and lots of 1-4-20-C misc.

Gorman Housing Authority: Taking applications for office clerk (cleaning of hotel included). Applications accepted from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-3 p.m., Mon-Fri. until April 25 at 9:30 a.m. EEOP 2-4-20-C



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KOKOMO NEWS ZELDA JORDAN - PHONE 254-639-2289

Our hears were saddened at the deaths of two of the residents of our community this past week, Anna Laura Clearman and Dean Collins. They were good friends and neighbors and they will be missed. Both funerals were on Saturday. Mr. Collins was buried at the Bear Springs Cemetery on Saturday morning and Mrs. Clearman was buried at the Simpson Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. We tend our sincere sympathy to both milies.

A revival began at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning with Rev. Jim Poe doing the preaching and Daryl Hirst leading the music. There were several visitors on Sunday morning and Sunday night and we appreciate and welcome all visitors to come and worship with us. The spe-. cial music on Sunday morning was rendered by Daryl Hirst and Glenda Priest. The special music on Sunday night was rendered by Aletha Burgess, Kay Snider, Leona Wilson, Norma Webb, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Willow Rice, Daryl Hirst, Jimmy Little, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano.

A bountiful lunch was enjoyed in the fellowship hall following the morning service.

Services each evening through Thursday this week will begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be special music at each service.

Helen and Woodrow Browning rendered the special music at the revival at the Mangum Baptist Church on Monday night last week, and Daryl Hirst and Glenda Priest rendered the special music on Wednesday night. Others from Kokomo attending the revival services on Wednesday night were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Cecilia Hirst, and Zelda Jordan. Leon Black of Abilene also attended the service. Visitors with Nancy Hendricks during the past week were Marvin and Lydia Adams and Sherie and Kristen Metcalf of Abilene, Norma Webb, Ruth Bryant, Darlene Hampton, Zelda Jordan, Doris Bradshaw, Laneta Freeman, Martha Wood of Carbon, and Hope Joiner. Visitors with Clifford Nelson were Buddy Lovell of Brownwood, Sheron Graham of Lake Brownwood, Cecil Self, Travis, Gladys, Alexis, Tiffany, and Ethan Nelson of Fort Worth, Jimmy and Maggie Nelson of Fort Worth, and Cassie and David Brasher.

Brownwood, Sheron Graham of Lake Brownwood.

Paula Morrow and Layne Morrow of Plains, Lance Morrow of Abilene, Lenny Morrow of Weatherford and Erlene Blakey of Lubbock visited during the weekend with Naoma Morrow and Gladys Morrow and Imogene Norris and attended the funerals for Dean Collins and Anna Laura Clearman.

Matt Collum Celebrates 6th Birthday

Dale and Kathy Collum of Huckabay honored their son, Matt, with a birthday supper at their home on Saturday, April 15 in celebration of his 6th birthday which was Friday, April 14.

Those helping Matt celebrate and enjoying the barbecue and all the trimmings supper were his parents, Dale and Kathy Collum, his brother, Scott Collum, grandparents, Gene and Kay Snider of Gorman and Bill and Helen Collum of Desdemona, a great-grandmother, Hazel Snider of Gorman and an aunt, LaVon Snider of Brownwood, aunt and uncle, Mike and Crystal Snider of Gorman, and friends from Matt's school and church.

Ted and Charlotte Snider **Celebrate 40th Anniversary**

Ted and Charlotte Snider were honored with a family dinner at their home in the New Hope Community in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 16. They were married on April 23, 1960. The event was hosted by their children.

Those celebrating with Ted and Charlotte were Jamie, Stephanie, Kael. Craig, Matthew, Anna and Andrew Snider of Gorman, Clay, Susan, Kinsey, Caitlin and Kyann Wheat of Ranger, Ileta Cavitt of DeLeon, Hazel Snider of Kokomo and La Von Snider of Brownwood. Toby Snider and family were unable to attend due to the illness of one of the children.

City Commission Minutes

April 6, 2000

The Gorman City Commission met in Regular session with the following present: Mayor Jack Simpson; Commissioners Judy Warren, Donnie Rodgers, Kenneth Good, and Bill_ Vaughn. Others present were Leonard Silva, Jeff Baker, Lori Dodd, Stephen Rowell, Frank Fenley, Glenn Scitern, Billy Joe Dennis, John Howard, and Chief Caffey.

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Judy made a motion with a second from Donnie to approve the minutes with one correction, finish out a sentence. The motion carried 4-0.

Donnie made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Bill made a sec-ond, and the motion carried 4-0.

On Citizen In-put, Leonard Silva state that he had some trees he would donate to the city. Judy suggested that we fist find a place where there is accessible water. He also stated that he had visited at Dyess air Force Base about some possible equipment for the city. Abel will inquire further about this next week. No action was taken.

Mayor Simpson opened the bids for the cleaning of the City Office building and the Community Center. At this time Judy made a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$100.00 per month to clean both buildings once a week, submitted by Ann Warren. Donnie made a second and the motion carried 4-0. As with all newly hired city employees this will be on a 90 day, (3 month) trial period.

Mayor Simpson opened the bids on the City rent house. No action was taken at this time. Bids will be accepted for two more weeks. April 20, at 5:00 p.m. All bids should be submitted to the city office. Bids will be considered at the meeting to follow at 5:00 p.m. the evening of April 20, 2000. Due to having a bid submitted after March 31, 2000, and the bid being the highest, the Commission decided the two week extension was fair. There were only 2 bids submitted in all.

THE GORMAN PROGRESS

School Menu Week of April 24

Monday--No school

Tuesday--Cereal, toast, milk, juice Wednesday--Oatmeal, toast, milk, juice

Thursday--Eggs, toast, milk, juice Friday-Sausage, biscuits, gravy, milk, juice

Lunch

Monday--No school Tuesday--Chicken nuggets, pinto

beans, macaroni salad, hot rolls Wednesday--Pizza, salad, corn, fruit Thursday--Chicken casserole, salad, English peas, sugar cookies Friday--Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato,



First Baptist Church of Desdemona had good attendance last Sunday for the morning service. Bro. Dick Williams a retired preacher of Cisco was the guest speaker as the pastor, Bro. Jim Haggard is in South Africa for six weeks preaching and doing missionary work. Special music was presented by Joan Baker and Annette Cummings with Karen Eaves at the piano. Visitors were Cher Jordan and Jim Krebs of Round Rock.

Cher Jordan and Jim Krebs of Round Rock visited the past weekend with her daughter, Mike and Mary Riggs and daughter, Jordan.

Annual Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be on Saturday, August 12 at the school gym. If you have a new mailing address or would like to receive an invitation card. please contact this reporter, Vonnie (Keith) Guthery, P.O. Box 187, Desdemona, Texas 76445. I need your help to keep this Ex's mailing list "up -to-date."

Happy Birthday to Cole Sandlin on the 20th.

Happy Birthday to Nell Files on the 25th.

Charlene Thackerson, Tony, Crystal, Katey, Lindey and I all enjoyed the Fox family reunion at the Desdemona school this past weekend. Lots of basketball playing, visiting, and food.

Carbon Community Baptist Church will be having a revival Sunday May 21st-24th.

Have a wonderful Easter and remember that Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

Flowers appear on the earth; the sea-

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be on Saturday, April 22 at the Community Center. All area musicians and visitors are invited to attend. Come early for good food at the concession stand.

Pet and Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley and grandson, Dylan of Wallis visited the past weekend with Oleta Wade. They attended the Desdemona Cemetery Working on Saturday. Oleta returned home with the Kelley family to spend a week.

Recent visitors in the home of Bernard and Ann Keith were Tony and Glenda Simmons of Odessa; Ellis and Wanda Littlepage of Tucson, Arizona; Ray Lemaster, Avie Taylor, De and Vicki Robinett all of DeLeon; great grandson, Christopher Febinger of Stephenville and Nelda Keith of Gorman.

James and LaRue Campbell spent a few days this past weekend in Andrews with their daughter, Shirley Boy and family. Shirley is recovering from recent gall bladder surgery.

CARBON NELUS

By MICHELLE THACKERSON

APRIL 20, 2000

son of singing has come. Song of Songs 2:12

Have a good week, pray for rain and God Bless.

The Essence of Freedom--Hard times come to us all. They test our strength, our faith. Sometimes we feel we can't go on, But suddenly a light appears, a spark of hope,

And a desire to perseverance is awakened in us.

We begin to move out of the darkness, Away from the pain, the shame, the self-defeat.

Our hearts begin to open to the prom-

Of a better time to come.

Arms of support reach out to us, to help us on our way.

Our journey is long, it is hard, But we have faith that we will over-

come.

We will succeed.

And as we progress, as we journey toward the growing brightness,

We feel a presence we have not felt before,

A presence of undying love, a presence to be awed,

And suddenly we realize the purpose of our pain.

For without it, we could never understand

The beauty of love, of the support, That is always present if we could just free ourselves

From the chains that bind us to earthly failure,

Through our downfall We can begin to rebuild, We can begin to realize the invincible strength That is always there to catch us, To help us stand tall again. With that love, with that support We are able to succeed, We are able to leave the darkness behind. And although the pain may come again,

Breakfast

Buddy Lovell of Brownwood and Sheron Graham of Lake Brownwood visited with Larry and Betty Strube on Sunday afternoon.

Visitors with Zelda Jordan were Glenda Priest of Abilene, Daisy Slaton of Gorman, Buddy Lovell of

ENDER

Our congratulations to Ted and Charlotte.

I wish everyone a very happy Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Gene and Ladell Jumper of Midland visited on Tuesday with Hazel Snider. Dwayne and Connie Snider, Brooke and Conner Spencer of Stephenville brought supper for a visit with Hazel on Tuesday night. Others visiting with Hazel through the week were Ted Snider, Gene and Kay Snider and Dan and Dianne and Sandra Snider.

Get well wishes to Lonnie Bennett, who was injured in a four-wheeler accident recently.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children following services Sunday at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Visitors are welcome.

Reports were submitted by City department heads.

New and Old Business, Kenneth made a motion to re-appoint Dale Curb to the Upper Leon Municipal River Water District. Judy made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

The Mayor added that the company was still interested in leasing the Old Landfill. The Commission all agreed, but will wait for the exact dollar figure before making any motion.

Kenneth made a motion to accept John Howard's bid to fix the swimming pool. John stated that he would guarantee the work for five years. A copy of the bid will be attached to the minutes. Bill made a second and the motion carried 4-0. Tacy will type up a simple contract between the city and John Howard.

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City-wide clean-up day is set for April 29, 2000. The Commission would like some response on trying to form groups or some of our organizations working on doing some needed repair and cleaning on our down town and surrounding area. It would really be nice to get a community effort to polish our city.

Bill made a motion to go into Executive Session with a second from Kenneth. The motion carried 4-0. The time was 6:20 p.m.

At 7:00 Bill made a motion to adjourn form Executive Session and convene back into Regular Session with a second form July. The motion carried 4-0

After the Mayor and Commission visit with Jeff Baker and after a rec-' ommendation from Chief Caffey. Judy made a motion to hire Jeff Baker for the position of patrolman. Donnie, made a second and the motion carried 4-0. This will be the regular 90 day, (3 month) probation period. Upon a satisfactory evaluation after the probation the 10% raise will be considered and insurance will be provided.

Judy made a motion to allow Frank to work as part-time, no less than twenty (20) hours a week while he attends the Police Academy for four (4) months. Frank will be on call on the week day evenings for emergency calls and will work on the weekends. The twenty hours will be accumulated on the weekends. Bill made a second and the motion carried 4-0. Frank will return as full time upon completion of the academy.

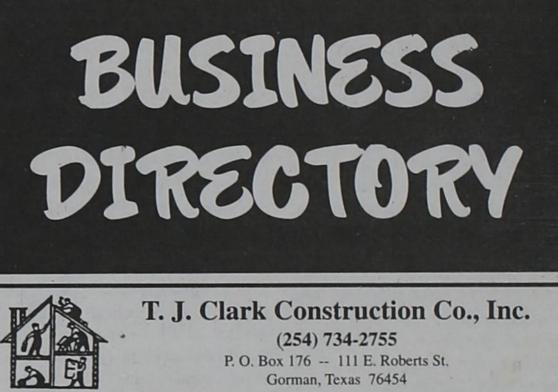
Lori Dodd was present to up-date_ the Commission on the progress of the clinic possibly re-opening. The EDC has several doctors interested in coming over to the Gorman clinic. The EDC has funding to get all the equipment that will be needed to operate the clinic. The interest is great and looks promising. The owner of the clinic building had previously said that rent would be waived for the first five years (as in no charge) but as of present time the owner has since changed his mind. There being no further business for discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Marie Patty was released from the hospital in Ashville, North Carolina last Thursday and has returned back home to recover from recent emergency surgery she had while going on a recent tour to Washington, D.C. her son, Stacy Patty of Lubbock spent the past weekend with his mother. Our get well wishes goes to Marie.

Church of Christ members enjoyed their visit with a former pastor, David Caskey and wife, Dinah who attended last Wednesday night to show slides and tell about their recent work for the Lord. Other visitors were Tod Bruner and wife, Jamie of Abilene who will. graduate from ACU and they plan to work in the Bahamas with the Caskeys.

We will not be defeated For now that spark, that light Is a permanent fixture in our heart That forever frees us From the agony of infinite failure.

Written by: Lacy Pack from Carbon, Texas, Senior at Texas Tech, daughter of Jeanna and Ronnie Pack, granddaughter of Wanda Pack and Imogene Norris.

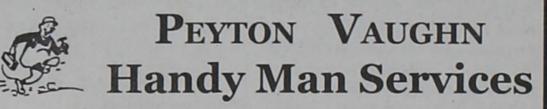


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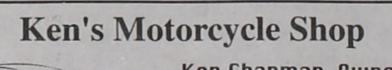
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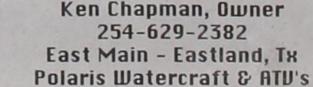
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A Note from the Administrator

week, there will be all kinds of Easter ers, Mae Eison and S.D. Gilmore. events happening at the Nursing Home. Don't forget the reason for the Easter Holiday--the raising of Jesus Christ from the grave. Without this raising, there would be no salvation for any of us. So let us all praise God this week because of the sacrifice of His son.

See you at the Nursing Home. /s/ Jeff

Happy to report Ava Rodgers has returned from the DeLeon Hospital.

On Sunday morning, Kenneth Good of First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School class for Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Frankie Jarrett, S.D. Gilmere, Ora Mae Atchison, Veno Hale, the Eison, Modess Self, Iola Johnson, Cynthia Earles and Velma Bennett.

Some of Mary Williams guests were Ima Brown, Nelda Mauney, Ina Reynolds, Irene West, Bro. Paul Denton, Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Maxine Frasier, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Fay Johnson, Geraldine Wright, Anna Rush, Zelda Jordan, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Hope Joiner, Kay Watson.

Sunday afternoon those coming for church from Kokomo Baptist were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Ruby Lee Kinser, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Jimmy Little, Hope Joiner, Joe and Glynda Bond and Johnnie B. Griffith. Resident were Frankie Jarrett, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Mildred Bellows, (guest Pat Graham), Cynthia Earles, Modess Self, S.D. Gilmore and Velma Bennett.

ing a movie were Ollie Halcomb, Ava Well, it's Easter time again and the Rodgers, Frankie Jarrett, Modess Self, Easter Bunny is out and about. This Myrtle Hale, Velma Bennett, Inez Rog-

By Nancy Hendricks

Some of Muriel Prewitt's guests were Bro. Paul Denton, Grace Townley, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Pat Hagood.

Regret to announce B.T. Hanna is in Life Care Rehab Hospital at Fort Worth.

Visting Iola Johnson and Veno Hale were Ina Reynolds and Ruby Norris of Carbon, Rev. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Zelda Jordan, Hope Joiner, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Jimmy Little.

Wednesday afternoon, Bro. Paul Denton of Church of Christ brought chapel for Ora Mae Atchison, Frankie Jarrett, Ollie Halcomb, Modess Self, Jack Bellows, Mae, Eison, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay and Velma Bennett.

Visiting Stella Reynolds were Stella Fay Scott, LeRoyce and Mackie Brantley, Bro. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Eunice Love Zena Simpson and Pat Hagood.

On Thursday morning, Ina Smith had bingo for Inez Rogers, Frankie Jarrett, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore, Velma Bennett, Patti Whitehorn, Iola Johnson, Hallie Clark, Ollie Halcomb, and Modess Self.

Some of Hallie Clark and Vadis Phelps guests were Joan Fraley, Stacey Fraley, Martha Sue Setzler of Cleburne, Faye Tucker of Carbon, Birdie Hogan of Ft. Worth, Elnora Lindley, Rev. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Zena Simpson and Eunice Love. Visiting Buddy Winn were Harvey Winn and Ruby Lee Norris of Carbon, Clarence Wilson of Stephenville. Ina Smith had 'Horse Racing' on Thursday afternoon for S.D. Gilmore, Jack and Mildred Bellows, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, and Velma Bennett. Visiting Bea O'Neal were Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Rev. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville. Some of Mae Eison and Voleta Richardson guests were Jo Etheredge, Irene West, Bro Clarence Wilson, Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson. On Friday morning, Ina Smith and Pat Graham had bingo for Mildred Bellows, Ora Mae Atchison, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Hallie Clark, Modess Self, Velma Bennett, S.D. Gilmore and Frankie Jarrett. Visiting Frankie Jarrett and Patti Whitehorn were Jeremy and Jacklyn Sanders of Stephenville, Deana Chupp of Houston, Bill Johnson, Kay Watson, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Sylvia Estes and Mary Estes of Carbon, Zena Simpson, and Eunice Love. Some of Modess Self and Cynthia Earles guests were Mandy Underwood of Eastland, Bobby and Jean Burus of Ft. Worth, David and Laneta Freeman, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Ken and Betty Heathington. Inez Rogers won the "Egg Toss" on Friday. Ina Smith served delicious snow cones to S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Velma Bennett, Modess Self, Mildred Bellows, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Jack Bellows and Cynthia Earles.



Visiting Jack and Mildred Bellows were Rev. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Pat and Darrell Graham, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Monday, Ina Smith and Pat Graham had Bingo for Inez Rogers, Mildred Bellows, Modess Self, Velma Bennett, Hallie Clark, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Patti Whitehorn, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Iola Johnson, A.V. Seay.

Some of Velma Bennett and Ola Walker guests were Ivan and Polly Buckle of Oregon, Icy Munn, Bro. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Pat Hagood.

Sorry to report Ava Rodgers is in the DeLeon Hospital.

Mr. Dick Troutman is in the hospital in Fort Worth.

On Monday afternoon those coming for the singing were Marjorie Treadway, Daisy Slaton, Zelda Jordan, Ruby Lee Kinser and Alpha Mae Andry. Residents were Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Velma Bennett, Inez Rogers, Frankie Jarrett, A.V. Seay, Mae Eison, Cynthia Earles, S.D. Gilmore, and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Ava Rogers were Rodney and Ruth Spencer of San Antonio, Jim and Wilda Rodgers of Midlothian, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Jana Grice, Zelda Jordan, Johnnie B. Griffith, Hope Joiner, Ima Brown, Mayvis Lasater, Pat Hagood, Faye Tucker, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke and Leon Williams came and played the electric organ and harp and lead singing for Ollie Halcomb, Ava Rodgers, Frankie Jarrett, Modess Self, Veno Hale, Mae Eison and S.D. Gilmore.

Visiting A.V. Seay and Myrtle Hale were Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Diana Gilder of Denton, Janice Glover of Lubbock, Amy Hale of Howard Payne, Brownwood, Argie and Margie Hale of DeLeon, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Hope Joiner, Pat Hagood, Bro. Ernest Wall, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Linda Glover.

On Tuesday afternoon those enjoy- ated with the north and trouble.

Visiting Irene Heathington were Ken and Betty Heathington, David and Laneta Freeman, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, and Pat Hagood.

Thank to the ones who sent the news and called in the news. Sorry about the news unavailable. Nancy Hendricks

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